

# Asheville

## *Law Enforcement Office*



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### **Geographic Area Served**

Primarily Western North Carolina.

### **Staffing Levels**

One Special Agent.

### **Facts**

- Activities related to fish and wildlife resources by U.S. citizens generate over \$100 billion/year to the American economy.
- The black market trade of fish and wildlife resources is international in scope, with values estimated to be in the billions of dollars.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employs about 220 Special Agents and 100 Wildlife Inspectors nationwide to enforce U.S. conservation laws.

### **Objective**

- To inform citizens of Federal laws and regulations relating to the protection of fish, wildlife and plants.
- Enforce Federal conservation statutes, protect domestic and foreign wildlife species that enter into interstate and international commerce.
- Uncover major commercial activity involving illegal trade of protected wildlife and wildlife products.
- Enhance legitimate use and enjoyment of all our wildlife resources.

### **Laws Enforced**

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
- Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act.
- Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act.
- National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act.
- Airborne Hunting Act.
- Endangered Species Act.

- Lacey Act.
- Marine Mammal Protection Act.
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act.
- African Elephant Conservation Act.
- Wild Exotic Bird Conservation Act.
- Antarctic Conservation Act.
- Conservation Recreation Act.

(The statutes are found in Title 16 United States Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations.)

### **Criminal Investigations Program**

- Special Agents investigate a wide range of wildlife-related crime including smuggling.
- Unlawful trade in national and global wildlife resources.
- Illegal interstate and international transportation of fish, wildlife, or plants (including fish or wildlife injurious to domestic resources).
- Instances of harm to or the killing of endangered/threatened species and mortality due to environmental contaminants.
- Additionally, agents provide support for protection of national wildlife refuge resources and enforce migratory game bird hunting regulations.